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EVA TANGUAY'S GREAT "MOTHER" SONG

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A word that means the world to me



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Andante moderato

I've been a-round the world, you bet, But nev-er went to school, Hard
When I was but a ba-by, long be-fore I learned to walk, While
knocks are all I seem to get, Per-haps I've been a fool; But still, some ed-u-ca-ted folks, sup-
ly-ing in my cra-dle, I would try my best to talk; It was-n't long, be-fore I spoke, and
posed to be so swell, Would fail, if they were called up-on a sim-ple word to spell. Now
all the neigh-bors heard, My folks were ve-ry proud of me, for "Moth-er" was the word. Al-
if you'd like to put me to a test, There's one dear name that I can spell the best:—
though I'll nev-er lay a claim to fame, I'm sat-is-fied that I can spell the name:—

CHORUS

"M" is for the mil-lion things she gave me, "O" means on-ly that she's grow-ing
is for the mer-cy she pos-ses-ses, means that I owe her all I

old, "T" is for the tears were shed to save me,
own, is for her ten-der sweet ca-res-ses,

"H" is for her heart of pur-est gold;—"E" is for her eyes, with love-light
is for her hands that made a home;— means ev-'ry-thing she's done to

shin-ing, "R" means right, and right she'll al-ways be,
help me, means real and reg-u-lar, you see,

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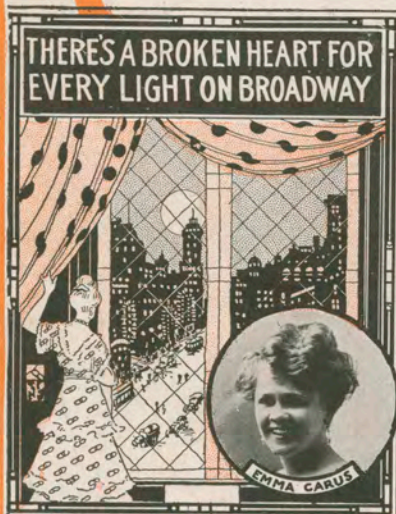
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There's a bro - ken heart for ev - 'ry light on Broad - way, A

mill - ion tears for ev - 'ry gleam, they say, — Those lights, a - bove you, — think noth - ing

of you, — It's those who love you — that have to pay. — There's a

CHORUS

My heart is sigh - ing now — for the good old days back

home, — I'm cry - ing now, — I was fool - ish kid to

roam, — You could live a - round the cit - y years or more, And

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